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indorsement. Knowing him, we should believe the book to be excellent, if we were unable to appreciate its merits. But it is so written that others than military men can read it with pleasure and profit. The author uses as few technical terms as is possible in accordance with scientific accuracy. He covers, as seems to us, the entire ground laid out in his title, and under every head he gives minute directions, estimates of strength, and such details as could have been suggested only by long observation and practice. The volume, elicited by the present stress of need, will doubtless become, as it deserves to be, a permanent manual for the military service.

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25. — *The Social Condition and Education of the People in England.* By JOSEPH KAY, ESQ., M. A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, Barrister at Law, and late Travelling Bachelor of the University of Cambridge. New York: Harper and Brothers. 1863. 12mo. pp. 323.

THIS is a foolish, if not a malicious, republication of the part relating to England of a very valuable work on "The Social Condition and Education of the People of Europe," that appeared in 1850. The entire work was designed and adapted to aid in the great enterprise of social and educational reform, which has been in vigorous and successful operation for the last fifteen or twenty years. The author describes the very evils and abuses to which Christian philanthropy has applied preventives and remedies with a zeal and munificence unexampled in any other time or land. From the very nature of the case, therefore, the book that was true thirteen years ago must be very wide of the present truth. The American editor, in a not very lucid Preface, denies this; but he evidently has no statistics of the present time to sustain him in his denial, — otherwise he would have published them in the place of Mr. Kay's chapters. We believe that a great improvement has already taken place in the very particulars as to which Mr. Kay makes such revolting statements of squalidness and degradation, and in large part because of the fidelity with which he and others laid bare features of the social system previously hidden from the general knowledge. We, indeed, are not disposed to any excess of charity for the English people in their present attitude toward our country; but we must deprecate the use of obsolete statistics as entirely beyond the choice of hostile weapons allowed in honorable warfare.